

SQUALUS ZYGÆNA:



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Spiracula quinque ad latera colli.

Corpus oblongum teretiufculum.

Os in anteriore capitis parte.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 397.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

SQUALUS capite latissimo transverso malleiformi,

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 399.

LIBELLA,

Salvian. pisc. 128.

ZYGÆNA:

Rondel. pisc. 389.

Will. icht. 55.

Monstrosa capitis figura facile a reliquis omnibus piscibus distinguitur Zygæna Libella, quæ ad longitudinem interdum sexpedalem crescit, et in mari Mediterraneo præcipue invenitur.

THE
HAMMER-HEADED SHARK.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Spiracula five on each side the neck.

Body oblong, somewhat cylindric.

Mouth situated beneath, in the fore part of the head.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

SHARK with transverse hammer-shaped head,

The ZYGÆNA.

The BALANCE-FISH.

This fish is readily distinguished from all others by the strange and uncouth shape of its head. It sometimes grows to the length of six feet, and is principally seen in the Mediterranean.

